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STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$39.9 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

An additional \$39.9 million in Federal aid funds have been apportioned by Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Mariana Islands for fish and wildlife programs.

This brings to \$146.9 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government--\$32.6 million more than apportioned in 1981. The funds will be used by the States to finance sport fish and wildlife restoration and for hunter education programs. Of the total funds available, \$116.9 million are for wildlife restoration and hunter education, and \$29.9 million are for fish restoration.

Federal aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. For this fiscal year, a preliminary apportionment of \$107 million was made on November 24, 1981.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on handguns, and an 11 percent tax on archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State. The funds may be used for wildlife restoration to acquire, develop, and manage wildlife habitat, and for research in wildlife management. Hunter education funds, distributed according to the relative population of each State, may be used by the State wildlife agencies for hunter education programs including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. The funds are used by the State agencies to purchase land and water areas for development of rehabilitation of such areas, development of access sites and facilities for fishing, and for research in fishery management.

The attached tables show the fiscal year 1982 distribution of funds by State.

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1982

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,670,887	\$ 411,146	\$ 2,082,033
Alaska	4,999,000	169,800	5,168,800
Arizona	2,367,241	287,255	2,654,496
Arkansas	1,840,820	241,559	2,082,379
California	4,057,909	509,400	4,567,309
Colorado	2,542,950	305,325	2,848,275
Connecticut	499,900	328,444	828,344
Delaware	499,900	169,800	669,700
Florida	1,653,703	509,400	2,163,103
Georgia	2,034,593	509,400	2,543,993
Hawaii	499,900	169,800	669,700
Idaho	2,002,431	169,800	2,172,231
Illinois	1,907,484	509,400	2,416,884
Indiana	1,581,884	509,400	2,091,284
Iowa	1,731,324	307,920	2,039,244
Kansas	2,012,108	249,771	2,261,879
Kentucky	1,529,303	386,982	1,916,285
Louisiana	1,872,115	444,323	2,316,438
Maine	1,213,303	169,800	1,383,103
Maryland	656,648	445,642	1,102,290
Massachusetts	499,900	509,400	1,009,300
Michigan	3,676,724	509,400	4,186,124
Minnesota	2,754,432	430,919	3,185,351
Mississippi	1,583,462	266,410	1,849,872
Missouri	2,464,147	509,400	2,973,547
Montana	2,944,722	169,800	3,114,522
Nebraska	1,721,406	169,800	1,891,206
Nevada	1,891,983	169,800	2,061,783
New Hampshire	499,900	169,800	669,700
New Jersey	628,829	509,400	1,138,229
New Mexico	2,332,721	169,800	2,502,521
New York	2,918,371	509,400	3,427,771
North Carolina	1,846,365	509,400	2,355,765
North Dakota	1,401,779	169,800	1,571,579
Ohio	2,057,832	509,400	2,567,232
Oklahoma	1,969,631	319,744	2,289,375
Oregon	2,664,689	278,250	2,942,939
Pennsylvania	4,389,276	509,400	4,898,676
Rhode Island	499,900	169,800	669,700
South Carolina	1,130,166	329,673	1,459,839
South Dakota	1,625,254	169,800	1,795,054
Tennessee	2,152,018	485,202	2,637,220
Texas	4,999,000	509,400	5,508,400
Utah	2,166,856	169,800	2,336,656
Vermont	547,457	169,800	717,257
Virginia	1,996,851	509,400	2,506,251
Washington	2,114,107	436,522	2,550,629
West Virginia	1,288,106	169,800	1,457,906
Wisconsin	2,940,627	497,313	3,437,940
Wyoming	2,100,287	169,800	2,270,087
Guam	166,633	-	166,633
Puerto Rico	499,900	-	499,900
Virgin Islands	166,633	-	166,633
Mariana Islands	166,633	-	166,633
Total	\$99,980,000	\$16,980,000	\$116,960,000

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1982

Alabama	\$ 496,363
Alaska	1,498,500
Arizona	645,556
Arkansas	546,565
California	1,498,500
Colorado	757,438
Connecticut	299,700
Delaware	299,700
Florida	626,144
Georgia	587,392
Hawaii	299,700
Idaho	507,828
Illinois	628,340
Indiana	536,290
Iowa	450,279
Kansas	469,932
Kentucky	490,213
Louisiana	437,083
Maine	299,700
Maryland	299,700
Massachusetts	299,700
Michigan	1,090,057
Minnesota	1,128,300
Mississippi	416,296
Missouri	738,475
Montana	683,941
Nebraska	378,330
Nevada	468,680
New Hampshire	299,700
New Jersey	299,700
New Mexico	534,251
New York	704,263
North Carolina	454,224
North Dakota	317,815
Ohio	730,114
Oklahoma	592,379
Oregon	745,295
Pennsylvania	735,549
Rhode Island	299,700
South Carolina	355,839
South Dakota	337,161
Tennessee	546,983
Texas	1,498,500
Utah	565,533
Vermont	299,700
Virginia	433,363
Washington	761,886
West Virginia	299,700
Wisconsin	1,097,688
Wyoming	482,655
Guam	99,900
Puerto Rico	299,700
Virgin Islands	99,900
American Samoa	99,900
Mariana Islands	99,900
Total	\$29,970,000